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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Gary Abud, 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

- Worked with Grosse Pointe Public Schools K-12 teachers regularly on technology integration, project-based learning, instructional strategies, and standards-based grading.
- Led a full-day staff development for the Brownstown Middle School science department on Next Generation Science Standards and Modeling Instruction.
- Worked with statewide team to coordinate the Math-Science Partnership Grant program for STEM educator professional development across the state.
- Presented to the American Chemical Society at Wayne State University on my career as a chemistry teacher.
- Was interviewed on the WDET by David Castleman for a radio show to discuss technology in education.
- Presented to pre-service teachers in the College of Education from Wayne State University with action steps for a successful career in education.
- Presented to elementary students at Washtenaw Christian Academy along with the Michigan Eye Bank about my personal story of having my sight restored through tissue donation and cornea transplant surgery.
- Visited Northpointe Academy in Highland Park to meet with an innovative music classroom that has collaborated across states with another music class in New York City to produce a combined music video for Valentine's Day.
- Presented to the Council of Academic Leadership in southeast Michigan on standards-based grading and how to implement it in classrooms.
- Participated in the Metro Detroit tri-country Technology Advisory Committee at Oakland University.
- Coordinated the Interim Assessment Pilot in high school social studies and science in my district.

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- Coordinated the Technology Readiness Infrastructure grant professional development activity in my district.
- Met with the Wayne RESA science coordinator about Next Generation Science Standards and how it would impact teaching and learning in science classrooms.
- Presented a research proposal to the Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy on investigating the impact of standards-based grading practices on student achievement in high school science.
- Gave a career talk to the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe about my role as an educator and Michigan Teacher of the Year.